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FREDERICTON (CNB) - Fifty First Nations and Inuit students between the ages of 12 and 15 will participate in the fifth annual First Nations and Inuit National Science Camp **to be held in the Maritime Provinces** from August 5 to 12, 2007. **The New Brunswick segment is scheduled for August 9 - 12 in Fredericton.**

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Nova Scotia's Dalhousie University and the University of New Brunswick sponsor the science camp, with assistance from various businesses and agencies.

The camp brings together youth from all over the country to learn about careers in science and technology. It also promotes the importance of education in finding jobs in these fields.

"This camp is an excellent opportunity to change and improve attitudes towards science and encourage First Nations youth to become the scientists of tomorrow," said Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour Minister Ed Doherty, Minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs. "It is a chance to bring science out of the classroom and have fun while learning."

"Worlds UNBound strives to deliver hands-on, interactive activities that allow youth to experience first hand the applications of science, engineering and technology in day to day life," said Bridget Fraser, director of Worlds UNBound. "Our mandate is to promote science, engineering and technology to all youth, and we are very excited to have been given the opportunity to be a part of this initiative."

In addition to those participating in the regional event, the Province of New Brunswick is sponsoring two youth and one chaperone from each First Nation community to attend the activities in New Brunswick.

The First Nations and Inuit National Science Camp focuses on science, technology and environmental. The New Brunswick portion of the program includes a tour of the Mactaquac Dam, on behalf of NB Power, a field trip to Mactaquac Park, science activities at the University of New Brunswick and the Huntsman Marine Science Centre, and whale watching in St. Andrew's. The camp also incorporates a number of social events such as a barbecue, campfire and story telling at Mactaquac Park, and a banquet at Kingsclear First Nation.

The camp is held in a different area of the country each year to enable the host region to showcase the science-related opportunities available in their region. This year, the Science Camp will begin in

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Halifax, Nova Scotia before moving to New Brunswick.

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